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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

Applicant's or agent's file reference BD/EN/5-8	FOR FURTHER ACTION See Notification of Transmittal of International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416)	
International application No. PCT/GB97/02940	International filing date (day/month/year) 27/10/1997	Priority date (day/month/year) 28/10/1996
International Patent Classification (IPC) or national classification and IPC F04D19/00		
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 4 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of 4 sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1,2,5,6 as originally filed

3,4 as received on 23/10/1998 with letter of 20/10/1998

Claims, No.:

1-11 as received on 23/10/1998 with letter of 20/10/1998

Drawings, sheets:

1/1 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages:
 the claims, Nos.:
 the drawings, sheets:

3. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims 1-11
	No:	Claims
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims 1-11
	No:	Claims
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims 1-11
	No:	Claims

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

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Section V

1. The invention is an axial or mixed flow fan.
2. The nearest prior art document is FR-A-1 513 039, which shows a fan of this kind.
3. The object of the invention is to improve the power consumption characteristic of the fan.
4. This is achieved, according to claim 1, by a particular shape of blade. The shape defined is not disclosed in the prior art and the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT are, therefore, fulfilled.
5. The dependent claims define further embodiments of the invention of claim 1, and the subject matter of these claims therefore also meets the requirements of Article 33(1) PCT.

Section VII

6. To meet the requirements of Rule 5.1(a)(ii) PCT, at least the document mentioned above should have been identified in the description and the relevant background art disclosed therein should have been briefly discussed.
7. To meet the requirements of Rule 6.3(b) PCT independent claim 1 should be cast in the two part form, with those features which in combination are part of the prior art being placed in the preamble.
8. Reference signs in parentheses should have been inserted in the claims to increase their intelligibility, Rule 6.2(b) PCT.